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## THIS WEEK

### CAMPUS

#### McKim record

Senior thrower Ben McKim broke Northwest's hammer throw record with a throw of 185-feet-5 inches at the Nebraska Invitational Saturday. The throw proved to be five inches longer than Travis McKenzie's throw in 2006. The program record is the first for the senior, who ranks in the top three in two indoor and outdoor events at Northwest.

### COMMUNITY

#### Softball league

Men's and women's slow pitch softball league will be offered by Maryville Parks and Recreation this summer. Registration began April 5 and will end this Friday at the Maryville Community Center. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 562.2923.

#### Spring luncheon

The New Nodaway Humane Society's annual Spring Luncheon is set for next Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event includes door prizes, a raffle and a silent auction.

### BEARCATS

**Thursday**  
-Softball at the MIAA North Crossover Tournament at home  
-Women's Golf at the William Jewell Invitational in Liberty, Mo.  
-Track and Field at the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan.

**Friday**  
-Softball at the MIAA North Crossover Tournament at home  
-Women's Golf at the William Jewell Invitational in Liberty  
-Track and Field at the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan.  
-Track and Field at the Central Missouri Relays in Warrensburg, Mo.  
-Women's Tennis vs. North-eastern State in Tahlequah, Okla.

**Saturday**  
-Softball at the MIAA North Crossover Tournament at home  
-Track and Field at the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan.  
-Women's Tennis vs. Cameron in Tahlequah, Okla.  
-Women's Tennis vs. Southeastern State in Tahlequah, Okla.  
-Baseball vs. Pittsburg State, 3 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.

**Sunday**  
-Softball at the MIAA North Crossover Tournament at home  
-Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Truman State, 12 p.m. at home  
-Baseball vs. Pittsburg State, 1 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.

### SPOOFHOUNDS

**Thursday**  
-Baseball vs. Savannah, 4:30 p.m. at Maryville High School  
-Girls' Soccer vs. KC Northeast, 4 p.m. in Kansas City, Mo.

**Saturday**  
-Boys' Golf vs. Mid Buchanan, LeBlond and Pembroke Hill, 12 p.m. at Mozingo Golf Course

## PRESIDENT JOHN JASINSKI | STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

“Surviving simply is going through the motions thriving, my fellow Bearcat Believers, means we will embrace rapid change as we move towards being a distinctive, comprehensive University that is the institution of choice for students in this region and beyond.”

- John Jasinski



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PRESIDENT JOHN JASINSKI addresses an audience of over 100 people in the Student Union Living Room Monday. President Jasinski talked about changes and improvement to finance, academics, athletics and the overall operation of Northwest.

# THRIVING IN A CRISIS

By Matthew Leimkuehler  
Chief Reporter

A crowd of over 100 people, including students, faculty and staff, were in attendance for President John Jasinski's first annual State of the University Address.

The address, held Monday afternoon in the Student Union Living Room, was an opportunity for the president to highlight recent achievements, address the current state and educate listeners on the future of the University.

Matt Baker, dean of students, felt as though the address was a much needed success for the community at Northwest.

"I think it began to outline some opportunities the next steps," Baker said. "It began to outline where the Leadership Team is, the concerns they have and some possible directions for solutions. It's a good start."

Tamera Dunn, Student Senate on-campus representative, found motivation in Jasinski's words.

"I thought it was very inspirational," Dunn said. "Northwest has a lot to be proud of and a lot to build on in the future."



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AMY GIEBEL, DANICA Wiechman, and Lauren Shaver listen to President John Jasinski give his first annual State of the University Address in the Union living room on Monday to students, faculty and staff.

Vandrae Fox, junior senate representative, was confident on the comfort Jasinski presented about the future state of the University in his speech.

"I felt like he reassured a lot of students that Northwest is going in a positive direction," Fox said. "Seeing all the schools in Missouri basically pleading for money and pleading to find ways to cut money, it's nice to see Northwest is going in the right direction as far as making the appropriate cuts and just taking the right steps

in progressing forward."

A large portion of the speech was dedicated to the financial future of the University, which has illuminated itself as a black cloud hovering over Northwest. Jasinski took time to explain that in fiscal year 2011, the Northwest budget is going to be cut



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## New blog forum unveiled at State of University Address

By Philip Gruenwald  
Chief Reporter

In an effort to boost a shared sense of community, Marketing and University Relations launched a brand new social media Web site. The playfully titled "Bearcattitude.com" was one of several examples of "shared governance," or ownership, cited in President John Jasinski's State of the University Address.

Bearcattitude is a campus probe – a vehicle to rally the opinions of faculty, staff, students, prospective students, alumni and the community. Users can vote in online polls, take surveys and comment on blog posts.

"It will have blog entries where we'll either explain something that the Strategic Planning Committee is thinking about doing and seek feedback, or we'll just ask generic questions and solicit feedback from a variety of people," Marketing Specialist Mallory Murray said.

The site's first public exposure came during Jasinski's Address on Monday. Later, Jasinski elaborated on the timeliness of the site.

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## ACADEMIC TOWN HALL MEETING

# Shared vision, campus opinions lend structure in determining future

By Brittany Keithley  
Design Editor  
By Tiffany Slayton  
Contributing Reporter

University officials want to reshape their financial plan to better tie their budget to strategy. A strategy that will bring more money to support the initiatives they hope will engage the students, ignite a passion and illuminate their future through education.

Northwest faculty and staff met Wednesday for the first of four input sessions to help determine the future of the University in a shared vision. Wednesday's session focused on academics and how to help Northwest stand out amongst midwest universities.

Provost Doug Dunham led the session as teachers and faculty took turns voicing their concerns. Concerns that

made up a bigger picture the administration hoped many would finally see. Dunham urged the audience to participate and make their voices heard.

"We need your input so that we can have this open, frank, honest discussion on what your ideas are about, and where we should go in academics in the near and distant future," Dunham said.

Faculty agreed on the opportunities not yet explored and the importance of engaging students in the process. Geo-science professor Aaron Johnson spoke passionately on the lack of emphasis placed on faculty, and how they help make Northwest unique.

"I both instruct students and derive information, and we all do that. Some of us create art, some of us write poetry and some discover and

name new fossils, but we are scholars not teachers," Johnson said. "One of the things we are going to have to do if we are going to recruit the best students is to let them know that they get to work with scholars. And I'm not certain that information gets put across to the community."

Though the programs excel, faculty hoped to see more

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

# Delta Chi brings prevention hotline to campus

By **Trey Williams**  
*Asst. News Editor*

“Fifty percent of people by the time they graduate high school will have known someone who has attempted suicide, whether they realize it or not” Nick Zadina. This is a statistic that raises the eyebrow of Nick Zadina of the Boys Town National Hotline and is one statistic he and the rest of the team at the crisis hotline are working to change. Zadina, along with Diana Schmidt and Kris Bosiljevac, also from the Boys Town National Hotline, were summoned by the boys at Delta Chi Tuesday to discuss suicide awareness and prevention. “We go out to schools to try and educate kids on suicide prevention

and awareness,” Schmidt, Assistant Supervisor, said. Delta Chi felt the need to host this event because they themselves suffer from the loss of a fellow brother. Over the Christmas vacation, Delta Chi member Andrew Hull committed suicide. Delta Chi members want to try make sure that no one has to endure what they have. “It was a very weird feeling,” junior Shawn Hornick said. “I had never known anyone who had died, family member or other wise.” He said the experience hit him pretty hard. Hornick, who was with his family at the time he found out the news [Christmas Eve], said all he could think about was what Hull’s family was going through. “I immediately called Mat-

thew [Hull’s younger brother],” Hornick said. “I wanted to make sure he knew we were here for him. I kept thinking about what he might do.” While the event was mainly to raise awareness of suicide and how to prevent it, Delta Chi was also taking donations for Hull’s two year-old son. The proceeds are going to a college fund for Hunter. Though the Boys Town National Hotline was there to bring awareness about suicide victims, they were also there to help Delta Chi members move past their loss and help others who may be in need. “What a great thing you guys are doing to remember your friend and raise awareness,” Zadina said. “One way you can help get through this is think, I don’t want this to



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NICK ZADINA PREPARES to show a video to members of Delta Chi about suicide. Delta Chi hosted the presentation because they had a member committ suicide over Christmas Break. ever happen again. What steps can I take to look out for myself? What steps can I take to look out for my friends? What things can I do to make a difference in this small world around me?”

SPRING CONCERT

LEAD SINGER OF Emerson Drive, Grammy nominated country band, sings to the crowd during the Spring Concert last Friday night. Bands featured during the Spring Concert included Chuck Wicks and Emerson Drive, both country style groups.



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RED CROSS

# Bearcat Heroes raises awareness through volunteering

By **Andrew Johnson**  
*Missourian Reporter*

Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas Gandhi once said, “We must be the change we wish to see in the world.” It was this quote that helped inspire seniors Aubrey Swanson and Kael Martin to begin impacting the world for the greater good, starting on the campus of Northwest Missouri State. The two sat down in early March to begin planning a new student organization. The Bearcat Heroes for the American Red Cross is a service-oriented group

with a unique purpose. Students, faculty and community members will have the opportunity to volunteer, raise money and host events for the Midland Empire Chapter of the American Red Cross based in St. Joseph, Mo. “I felt really bad for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti,” said Swanson, president of Bearcat Heroes. “I wanted to do my part to set something up that will have long-term results.” Proceeds raised by the group will go to relieve crisis world wide, like the recent tragedy in Haiti, but will also help

here locally, such as with the apartment fires in Maryville. “We are very excited,” said Angie Springs with the American Red Cross. “They’ve [Northwest] been great partners in the past. We just appreciate the students stepping up and wanting to help.” The Red Cross has struggled for many years to find college students to volunteer. According to Springs, the trends show that many people volunteer throughout early life and through high school, but then fail to volunteer in college and during their working life. Volunteer-

ing usually picks back up after one retires. “This group is a great way to bridge that gap and allow people to volunteer throughout their entire life,” Springs said. There is much opportunity within this new organization. Both Swanson and Martin are seniors who will be graduating shortly. The group is looking for leadership to ensure that the new organization lasts for many years to come. The Bearcat Heroes for the American Red Cross will meet to begin planning and brainstorming for next year on Monday.

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SHOW ME GREEN

Council suspends tax on green products

By Philip Gruenwald  
Chief Reporter

Sears Manager Ryan Gessert paces through aisle after aisle of appliances, keeping a watchful eye on his inventory of Energy Star products. The washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators and others with the little green star total to roughly 100 in-store appliances. For consumers in Maryville, Energy Star items found at Sears and elsewhere can be purchased without tax during a special week-long sale called the Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday.

From Monday through the following Sunday, each Energy Star-certified appliance under \$1,500 that is sold in town can be bought sans state-and-local sales tax.

“Last year was a big increase in sales, but this year I expect a bit more,” Gessert said.

Last week, City Council voted in an annual review of the tax holiday. Year-by-year, council will choose to opt in or opt out of the state program. City Manager Matt LeCerb’s approval of the holiday could result in Maryville’s future participation.

“I think the ultimate direction of the Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday was to promote purchasing of green and energy-compliant appliances,” LeCerb said. “It was successful for businesses, and the council thought that it was a good program and should be extended again this year as well.”

Had council voted down the temporary tax suspension, consumers would still have benefitted from a brief state sales tax exemption. Yet with constituents’ interests in mind, officials are voluntarily sacrificing a week’s worth of sales tax on certain appliances.

“You look at conservation,

sustainability and just overall being green, and I think that far outweighs any negative associations that there might be with anything related to the program,” LeCerb said.

In addition to the green incentive, the accompanying spike in local business is a definite plus for the holiday.

“I think the initial push for it was for ‘going green’ and trying to be more energy efficient, but I think it serves a double purpose, trying to stimulate the economy as well,” City Clerk Sheila Smail said.

Future green initiatives in Maryville are unlikely, according to both Smail and LeCerb. Although the recent purchase of variable frequency high-service water pumps do reduce energy consumption by 20 percent, LeCerb reports that future green programs are “at the discretion of the state.”

Meanwhile, Smail has been informing local businesses of



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LAVANCE LARK LOOKS for best the price on a washer and dryer at Sears located Wednesday. Energy Star items can be purchased without sales tax from Monday to the following Sunday.

the upcoming holiday to prepare for the swelling crowds. Smail recognizes this as an opportunity to improve communication between council and businesses. Citywide,

stores are bumping up advertising to take advantage of this unique offer.

“Last year, our sales discount was an additional 20 percent off of Energy Star

appliances, and this year we’re at 30 percent,” Gessert said. “You’re just getting a whole lot more for your money with this, plus you don’t have to pay Uncle Sam that day either.”

MO STATE BUDGET

Fall 2010 tuition freeze depends on pending state budget cut vote

By Cassie Thomas  
Chief Reporter

Public colleges and universities in Missouri may experience larger cuts to next year’s budget than anticipated.

Last fall, Gov. Jay Nixon agreed to an arrangement where colleges and universities would hold tuition flat for the next year in exchange for no more than \$50 million of cuts.

If the new budget cuts made by the Senate Appropriations Committee are approved by the house, the

tuition freeze deal would be scrapped, and the cut to the budget for colleges and universities would be \$65 million.

“The governor and his staff are going to continue to work with the legislature, as the bill goes to congress, to try and preserve the state’s funding for universities so the tuition freeze will remain in effect,” Scott Holste, Press Secretary of Nixon said.

Gov. Nixon is in support of upholding the tuition freeze to make college a more attainable goal

for Missouri families, as he stated in his State of the State Address in January.

“I call on you to join me - and lead the nation by example - in supporting another tuition freeze this year,” Nixon said. “That would mean Missouri students and their families won’t have to pay a penny more in tuition and fees two years in a row.”

In his State of the University Address, President John Jasinski said there is an anticipated cut to Northwest’s budget of \$2.2 million in the next fiscal

year.

As of November, appropriations to Northwest from the state budget had been cut by 5 percent which would equal approximately \$1.6 million. If the increased cut to the college and universities budget is approved by the House, that number will likely increase.

Vice President of Finance Stacy Carrick detailed the impact the proposed changes by the state legislature could have on Northwest within the next school year.

“That arrangement was that we would only get 5.2 percent in appropriation cuts, in exchange for freezing tuition for in-state undergraduate fees,” Carrick said. “If they go to 7 percent, we’re looking at about \$2.8 million.”

The Senate Appropriations Committee cut \$506 million from Nixon’s proposed state operating budget for next year. In his proposed budget, Nixon allotted \$911 million for public institutions of higher learning who made a commitment to freeze tuition.

Budget

- Gov. Jay Nixon in favor of a tuition freeze for next year.
- If new budget cuts of \$65 million are passed, the freeze won’t go into effect.
- President John Jasinski anticipates cuts of \$2.2 million for next year.
- If cuts for Northwest go up from 5.2 percent to 7 percent, then we’ll have to cut \$2.8 million.
- The senate cut \$506 million from the state budget.
- Nixon allotted \$911 million of the state budget for public institutions

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OUR VIEW

# Students should lend helping paw to those in need

When disaster strikes, people are often times shocked and unprepared. We see the horrors on the television screen during the nightly news, and we read of them in the newspapers. When a disaster hits in another country half-way across the world, there is little most of us can do. Few people can just drop things like a family, work and school to aid another person of another nationality. However, we can make a difference that is not felt

much by us, but is felt by those in need by simply donating money and raising awareness to a cause. We saw this when Haiti was severely damaged. People around the world, children and adults alike, rallied together to raise money for the victims. The citizens of the United States were once again forced out of the small protective bubble of peace we live in. Northwest, too, felt the rippling effects.

Bearcat Heroes for the American Red Cross aims

to carry forth this mentality of the greater benefits of volunteering. Even though this new organization is campus-based, it provides an outlet for everyone in the Northwest community to aid those in need. And it does not just attempt to alleviate the strain disasters inflict internationally, but locally as well. Take, for example, the fire that occurred during winter break in Maryville. People were faced with the uncertainty of where they were

going to sleep, shelter from the bitter weather, food and basic necessities we often times take for granted.

When an individual volunteers, he or she is given the opportunity for experience, skill development, motivation and a sense of achievement. Volunteering can open many doors for careers and higher wages, especially in today's age where jobs are not necessarily guaranteed just because one has a college degree.

Aristotle argues that

man is political in nature. To be political in nature, man first must be a social animal. Since the beginning of time, we have continuously given and taken benefits from one another. We feel the natural desire of protecting others, and we feel the grief in the pain of others. While we take coldly, we still feel inclined to give at least to some degree. Volunteering furthers this. It provides a stronger sense of community, bridging the various gaps of culture, race, sex,

ethnicity, nationality and religion. The bittersweet thing about disaster, really, is the desire for mankind to unite for a common purpose, that of aiding another human being, to lend a helping hand to those who have nothing or have lost everything.

It's about time Northwest and college students stepped up to fill the shoes of so many great people before that paved the way for us. It is, after all, our social duty.

## WHAT THE DEUCE

According to the Associated Press, lawmakers in neighboring Nebraska have banned abortions that take place at 20 weeks, mainly due to the belief that a fetus may feel pain at that time.

Although Nebraska's laws do not directly affect Missouri's agenda or the nation's, it may be a sign that the constitutional doctrines could change over time. Abortion has gone through several legal restrictions, trimesters and viability for examples. Many believe, however, this bill was meant to restrict late-term abortions.

If this bill is challenged in the state supreme court and later the U.S. Supreme Court, it could make Justice Stevens's retirement all the more exciting. Whoever President Barack Obama nominates will surely have a role in defining today's constitutional restrictions on abortions.

## CARTOON



## MY VIEW

# Tax reform demands transparency in spending

This Thursday is Tax Day. Throughout the country, millions are rushing to prepare their state and federal tax returns in an effort to avoid penalties from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Taxation has always been a wildly divisive part of our society, and the fission seems to be growing. A new, leftist administration and a struggling economy have combined to incite anger and protest from conservatives everywhere. They demand reform, or even fewer taxes altogether. Do these ideas have any merit? The answer is complicated, and it requires a deeper look at one of the main reform proposals and those who espouse it most.

A number of groups have emerged in opposition to "big government" legislation introduced by President Barack Obama and his democratic allies. These groups are collectively referred to as the "Tea Party" movement, and they have been holding protests and rallies all across the country. A typical Tea Party protester supports fiscal conservatism and a limited federal government. Many lean libertarian, and some are religious



Chris Edwards  
Contributing Columnist

fundamentalists. The Tea Party has become a true force in our domestic politics. Their activism has helped to shape public policy, and their outspoken voices may help to sway moderates in key battleground districts. That is why their tax reform proposals are so frightening.

Many Tea Party supporters also support what is called the "FairTax." It was introduced in 1999 by Georgia Republican John Linder and later popularized by radio personality Neal Boortz. The duo has completed a number of nationwide speaking tours and has also released two books in support of the tax.

Essentially, the FairTax aims to replace all federal taxes with a single, national retail sales tax. Consumers would pay approximately \$30 for every \$100 spent. The more you spend, the more you pay. The FairTax is designed to encourage responsible spending and still generate an appropriate level of revenue for the federal government. It would give the IRS an easy way to tax illegal immigrants, since many of them

fail to pay for things like payroll taxes, capital gains taxes or income taxes.

Unfortunately, FairTax isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Many believe a 23 percent sales tax would drive retail sales underground, facilitating the continued rise of black market deal-making. Furthermore, FairTax is inherently regressive in nature, because lower-income consumers usually spend almost all of their income in an effort to meet their most urgent needs. A family with a higher income would be likely to devote a lower percentage of their earnings to basic things like food, clothing and shelter, which is no different than being taxed at a lower rate.

Most of us agree that tax reform is necessary. The IRS needs to be more transparent, and citizens need to be informed about where their tax dollars are going. Why not create a "tax-and-follow" system that attaches some kind of tracking mechanism to each taxpayer dollar? A secure online database could even allow users to follow along at home.

Besides, is not taxation kind patriotic? It helps to maintain vital social and economic programs that put people to work and keep our country running.

## MY VIEW

# Revolution must come from country's people

With all the undesirable political situations taking place throughout the world, it is easy to assume a specific one-size-fits-all version of liberal democracy should take root. However, with any particular system of government, no matter how perfect of a set up it is, it does not fit every society.

Iran is, hands down, the most beautifully structured system of government I've ever had the chance to study. Is it purely democratic? No, but neither is any government. It is a mix of elected and unelected officials, from the president who runs the day-to-day affairs, the supreme leader that controls the armed forces and the council that examines electoral candidates. It is a complex theocracy that gives praise to God and revolution, and it is based in the strong desire to diminish Western influence, when Western influence historically wreaked nothing but havoc and produced everything but freedom for the people. However, the Western powers aren't the ones that should take a bow for today's political climate in Iran.

On the scale of the individual versus the state, the Iranian people certainly have the short end of the stick, from the people jobless because they are educated in impractical fields to the hip-hop artist unable to leave the



Kathleen Wilmes  
Opinion Editor

state. But keep in mind no individual is truly free. Many Westerners think we should liberate the people, which would result in a system that would inevitably follow this one-size-fits-all solution. However, revolution must

come from the people, from inside of the country. While outside forces can certainly support such an endeavor if the outcome would be desirable, we cannot *lead* any revolution that is not our own.

The social compact is a sacred thing, and it is something that each society should have the right to.

It is easy to think of our own immediate gain in the international struggle for power. While this is not necessarily a bad thing, it does come back to bite us in the rear when the governments we put in place are weak or challenged, when the officials we support are charged with corruption, when those people are left with nothing but asymmetrical means that the world's symmetrical system of international law cannot cope with. True, we should seek advancement, but there are certain boundaries we have restricted ourselves with. If we do not want to follow the maxims we have accepted, then we should throw them off. We should not hide behind the skirts of natural law and the social contract while we pretend they do not exist for others but us.

## CAMPUSTALK

# What do you think about the Northwest Web site redesign?



"At first I had no idea where to even go, but I do like it. Looks easier to use."

Allison Moritz  
Art Education



"I actually really like it, especially from a design stand point. I think it's really cool."

Justin Wieners  
Interactive Digital Media



"The new layout is alright, but the thing I don't like about it is I always have to go to my northwest; they're not just laid out"

Haley Tebbe  
Undecided



"It is a little confusing but don't mind it. Its something different and new"

Skyler McGinness  
Physical Education



"The first day I didn't really know what I was doing, but now that I've had time to play around with it. It doesn't bother me"

Kate Wit  
Psychology

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Although I understand the knee jerk reaction of students to the proposed revision of the alcohol policy, it is the responsibility of the Board of Regents to base decisions on the future and what is best in the long term for NWMSU. The Board of Regents recently heard a proposal that would change the University's long-standing policy regarding alcohol. The revisions include:

1. Full time employees who are under contract to live on campus would be allowed to consume alcohol in their university appointed housing.
2. Designated parking lots will allow the consumption of alcohol by of age people.
3. Above mentioned parking lot(s) will require the user to pay for the right to gain access.

These proposed revisions would drastically change the current zero-tolerance policy Northwest has established. There are numerous reasons the proposed policy would be disastrous to the institution of Northwest Missouri State University. Most full time employees living on campus are part of Residential Life. They consist of area coordinators and hall directors. My understanding of why they primarily live on campus is availability to assist Resident Assistants in their duties, help maintain order and facilitate community within residence halls. I understand they rotate weekly between hall directors to maintain a "Hall Director on Duty" who, in a time of need, is the first call Resident Assistants are supposed to make. However, what about a fire alarm or other mass emergencies that require, for example, complete building evacuation? In this situation, a hall director needs to respond immediately, and if intoxicated or alcohol impaired, it becomes a liability problem for the University. They live on campus for a reason and that is to be accessible. Intoxicated Hall Directors are not able to effectively carry out the duties in which they are assigned.

My biggest problem with the proposed policy is the double standard it creates. Northwest has had a zero-tolerance approach to alcohol for many reasons. I think the most important ones are to

protect the safety of students, provide a productive learning environment and to help create healthy lifestyles. This policy of allowing alcohol on certain days in certain locations sends mixed messages to the students. It's not okay to drink anywhere else or at other times on campus, BUT is acceptable game days? What makes football games an acceptable place to drink as opposed to a residence hall, or class, or a beer during your lunch break in the Student Union? This policy would create a double standard that people would recognize for what it is; a ploy to make money at the expense of tradition and professional image. There are some things that are more important than money and that is principle.

Tim McMahon, vice president of marketing, stated in regards to the policy change, that "We can't look the other way and pretend it's not happening." I take this statement as a rationalization or justification of the proposed policy. This line of logic is not only irresponsible but dangerous. If a fundamental shift in policy can be determined by the fact that people are currently breaking the rules then what sort of message does this portray? I believe it represents a clear message "if enough people violate the policy, we will change it." This same logic would argue that the speed limit should be changed because everyone speeds. This notion is simply ludicrous. Nobel Prize laureate Albert Einstein once said "What is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right." Although changing the policy may be the popular thing, it clearly is not the right thing to do. The Board of Regents must stand up and take a stance. It must not be motivated to action by the sheer reason that everyone is doing it. If everyone is jumping off a bridge are you going to follow in after them?

Therefore, I see only one answer to this problem. Either make all of Northwest a "wet" campus, or keep the current zero-tolerance policy. No grey area, no confusion, no double standards.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Abbott  
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ADDRESS: President reassures Northwest will thrive in Fall

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an estimated 5.2 percent.

He then went on to announce that the Northwest Leadership Team's first draft of the budget included \$2.2 million in cuts.

Despite the millions in cuts, Jasinski's words came with a calm and determined attitude.

"Please know we are moving swiftly to address some inherited difficulties, ensuring pending budget cuts are implemented in a way that allows us to continue to build on our many successes, and that we are addressing finances strategically," Jasinski said.

Baker has confidence that the Leadership Team will face and defeat the financial challenges head on.

"The most important

thing is the reality we're dealing with," Baker said. "We're dealing upfront and forward with what we know to be true."

Jasinski also addressed the importance of student input, announcing the launch of Bearcattitude.com, a message board input where students can voice their opinions.

"We know April is not the ideal time period, but we need to begin input collection now," Jasinski said. "We will be analyzing such along the way and enacting two-way communication mechanisms to ensure we collaborate and consense."

Dunn understands the importance of communication with university officials.

"I think the first step is being able to communicate and talk to students," Dunn

said.

Jasinski stressed the importance of furthering our academic success as an educational institution, an aspect Dunn agrees with. Dunn feels as though the academics on our campus are strong, but unrecognized outside of each respective department.

"I want to know my fellow Bearcats are succeeding whether it's in the classroom or on the field," Dunn said.

Jasinski claims Northwest will thrive through the future challenges and difficulties and not simply survive.

"Surviving simply is going through the motions," Jasinski said. "Thriving, my fellow Bearcat Believers, means we will embrace rapid change as we move towards being a distinctive, comprehensive Uni-

BLOG: University launches site to raise student feedback

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"The Bearcattitude Web site will be a way for you and I (faculty, staff, students) to go and log in information about where they would like to see the University head strategically, so it's an input mechanism," Jasinski said.

By Monday at noon, the site officially went online. Murray expected full content to be up later this week.

"It'll be directed from [the Marketing and University Relations] office and the president's office," Murray said. "We'll be making posts, but the biggest point of this is to see what people say back to us, and we'll use that data for research to guide the decision making."

This is just one manifestation of the cohesion

emphasized in Jasinski's ambitious State of the University Address. Jasinski spoke highly of Northwest's current state, warned of the possible "financial upheaval" during the next 15 months and reassured constituents that this collaboration-focused strategic plan will keep the University thriving, not surviving.

"This isn't a Northwest Leadership Team plan or a Jasinski plan," Jasinski said. "It's a Northwest plan."

Campus Town Hall meetings Tuesday, Wednesday and in the following weeks are another way to gauge public opinion.

"If the Strategic Planning Committee needs to know what the most important things about Northwest are to our current students,

then this is a form where we can ask them that and they can give us a bunch of comments, and it will function a lot like a blog," Murray said.

Poll and survey questions range from open-ended and broad ("What word comes to mind when you think of Northwest?") to structurally specific ("If we were to upgrade one facility, which would you like it to be?"). The NLT will also use Bearcattitude as a way to disclose their most recent activity.

"This might evolve," Murray said. "As we continue to go on and see what our needs are, it might change."

The title, a clever splicing of "Bearcat" and "attitude," serves to relay the hip,

FORUM: Input session lends faculty, staff a voice

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expansion of the broad structure. Interconnecting the degrees and building on the untapped potential of each thriving program seemed to be a common theme.

The University prides itself on the general edu-

cation it provides. The one thing they believe to be consistent and beyond the competition lies in this area. History Department Chair Michael Steiner pleaded that general education helps take students further after they graduate by instilling life-long lessons.

"Universities prepare students for unpredictable worlds and unpredictable job markets, and the best things universities do to prepare people for that is in general education with the ability to think, problem solve and communicate," Steiner said

Dunham used the opportunity to gather input the administration will use for their strategic plans for the future of Northwest.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

# Sexual assault is closer than you think

April recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month after protests against sexual violence in '70s

By Emily DeMarea  
Missourian Reporter

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and it is being recognized at many places, including our University.

SAAM is a nationally recognized event during the month of April and was first observed in April of 2001. According to the Missouri Coalition against Domestic & Sexual Violence, this event came about through many years of protests against sexual violence ranging from the 1970s to today. In the late 1980s, the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault polled state coalitions informally to decide when to recognize a national Sexual Assault Awareness Week. After it was decided that April was the chosen month, they started focusing on activities available throughout the month to recognize SAAM.

This year, the focus of SAAM is "preventing sexual assault on higher education campuses." According to the MCADSV, one of every five college women will be a victim of sexual assault by the time she graduates.

"In order to make a difference in these statistics, it is crucial to understand the organizations in your community that help fight sexual assault and domestic violence," Stephanie Stamoulis, intern for the Children and



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Family Center of northwest Missouri said.

This week also marks the National Crime Victims Rights Week. The theme for this week is: "Fairness. Dignity. Respect."

"The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and the Office for Victims of Crime are the sponsors of this movement, and this is important that we see such groups leading the way to stop this

violence as quickly as possible," Stamoulis said. "The point of this week is that too many victims and families of victims do not know their rights, and it is crucial that they understand every single

step they can take to receive justice."

A helpline is available (1-800-FYI-CALL) for victims or family to fully understand any confusion on their rights.

For any additional information on this story, please visit the Children and Family Center staff, located on 1220 East 2nd St., during its open house today from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.



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## Night Life

When the sun goes down, there's no reason to settle down thanks to the night life of Maryville. Any college student that likes a good time knows about the bars around town like Molly's, The Outback, The Palms, Burny's and The Pub. For those not really into the bar scene, there are also a number of places to eat, like Applebee's, A&G Restaurant, Napoli's and La Bona. Be sure to get there early, as on any given night, these places tend to fill up quickly.



## Parks

For anyone that just wants to get away somewhere in town to play sports or just to enjoy the outdoors, Maryville will suit them as there are 11 public parks. These parks include playgrounds, baseball fields and tennis courts. There are also four softball fields, five soccer fields, a skate park and a football field at Donaldson Westside Park and Sports Complex.

## Maryville Aquatic Center

Who doesn't love a cool pool on a hot summer day? The Maryville Aquatic Center, worth \$2 million, is Olympic sized, and includes 25 meter swimming lanes as well as two water slides. So if you have the urge to cool off, get in shape swimming laps or any other reason you can come up with to go to the pool, the Aquatic Center is certainly big enough and fun enough to suit everyone.

By Brian Johnson  
Features Editor

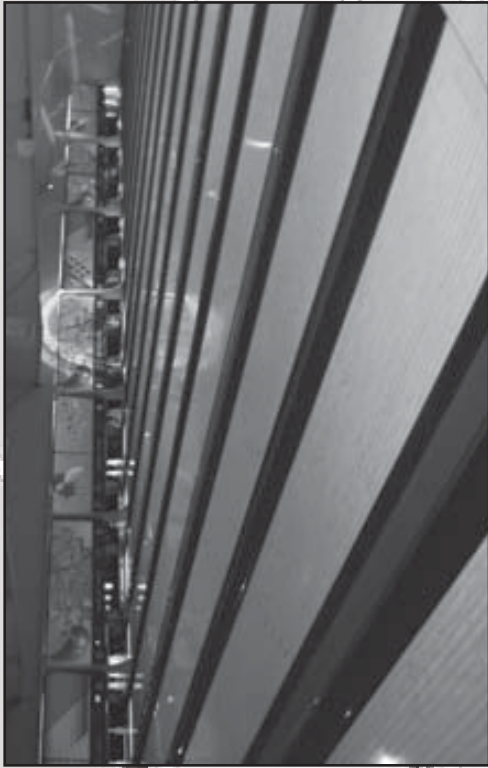
"But there's nothing to do!" How many times have we all said that while spending a summer in a small town? For students that are taking classes this summer, or just living in Maryville for the summer, they may think they will face this problem.

Certainly a town with a population of barely 10,000 will look like not a whole lot is going on, and there isn't much to do. However, upon closer inspection, students may be surprised to find there are many things to do either during the sunny days or the cool nights.

Here's a look at some of the places students will be able to hike, play, swim, visit or party at this summer.

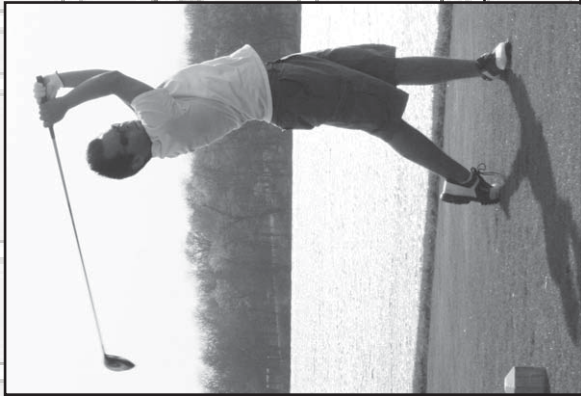
## Bearcat Lanes

Bowlers are in luck this summer. Bearcat Lanes provides a number of lanes that you can take your party to, or just have a few rounds yourself to work on your game. There is also an opportunity for students to join a summer league for only \$10 a game. So if you want a physical activity this summer but do not want to sweat in the scorching heat, come to the air-conditioned bliss of spares and strikes at Bearcat Lanes.



## Mozingo Lake Golf Course

Golfers need not worry this summer. The Mazingo Lake Golf Course is over 7,000 yards big and includes 18 holes. Opened in 1995, the course has been called "the best course to play in the state of Missouri for under \$50" by USA Today and Golf Digest. This is good news for students who look to play golf this summer, and don't want to travel far to get there.

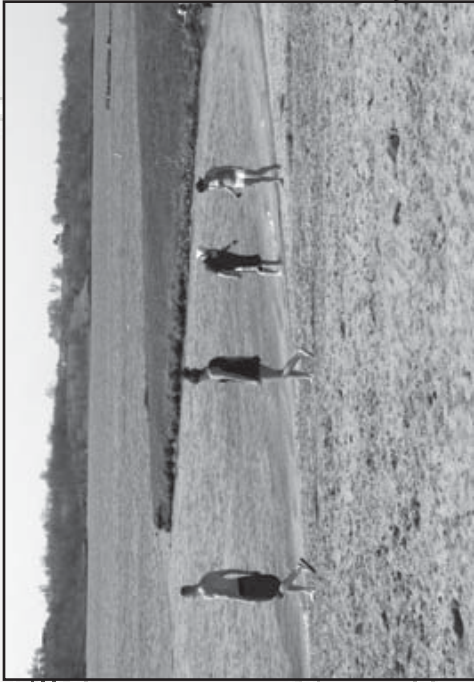


## The Hangar

One of the most unique places in Maryville is the Hangar movie theater. What makes this place so unique is that from the outside it looks like an airplane hangar, but inside there is a five screen movie theater that offers first-run movies year-round. The Hangar is multi-purposed in that it also serves as a restaurant with top-notch food. There is also a dinner theater for a perfect dinner and a movie date.

## Mozingo Lake Park

One of the more popular places to go in the summer is Mazingo Lake Park located three miles east of Maryville. On hot days, students looking for a place to cool down or get away should check out Mazingo Lake Park. The 3,000-foot park that surrounds the lake includes areas for hiking, swimming, fishing, hunting, camping sites and cabins. With so much to do, there should be plenty of options for anyone that wants to get away for a day or two.





Top 2 picks

By Erin Colasacco  
Missourian Reporter

**Coming to theaters:** This week's release of "The Perfect Game" puts a creative, Latina twist on the typical "under-dog" sports team story. A group of young boys from a poverty-stricken area of Mexico discover the beauty of sandlot baseball. All of the boys are driven to play in a real Little League game, and overcome hardships such as lack of equipment, lack of support and prejudice to reach their goal, and win. Believing in themselves and having a genuine love for the game helps them in their record-breaking winning streak that brings them to America and the 1957 Little League World Series. This movie looks like it will speak to audiences across age groups. The story of the underdog is one that people always enjoy and this movie is sure to be a crowd-pleaser.



**Take a Listen:** For fans of Lily Allen or Missy Higgins, be on the look out for the April 20 release of Kate Nash's new album, "My Best Friend is You." Nash is best known for the song, "Foundations" released in 2007. The British folk singer released the first single called, "Do Wah Doo" on Monday. Nash is known for her upbeat, sassy and spirited music. If you're looking for some easy-listening on these hot summer afternoons, this album will be a sure thing.



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Your Man plays match-maker

This week, I was talking to a friend of mine (we'll call him Zack), who mentioned that he's had a lot of trouble meeting women at Northwest. Zack never seemed like the kind of guy who would have such troubles, so I asked him to elaborate.

Turns out, Zack's bedroom is like Workman's Chapel.

"How could this be?" I thought. That girls-to-guys ratio I've often heard tossed around means that just about every guy on campus should have women knocking down his door.

Problem is, that ratio is an exaggeration. According to the Northwest Web site, about 56 percent of undergrads are women. Granted, it's still skewed in Your Man's favor, but not by as much as that tour guide led me to believe when I decided to enroll here.

Thus, as is always the case, Your Man has taken it upon himself to right the wrongs affecting our student body (and, if all goes well, to affect a few student bodies of my own, while I'm at it).

**Tip #1:** Keep it clean.



The Stroller

Walking through Zack's room is like trying to navigate Northwest's new Web site design. It's painful and frustrating, and it makes you want to throw up a little.

No lady's going to respect a guy who can't take care of himself. Sure, the community showers in the high rises are disgusting, but not as disgusting as the people who refuse to use them.

**Tip #2:** Be yourself.

People can surprise you when it comes to the things they find attractive. As a result, you're much better off just doing your thing

and letting them see who you are from the beginning.

**Tip #3:** Be outgoing.

This is the big one. If you want to see more action than your microwave tonight, get out of your room. Talk to people. The worst that could happen is that they think you're a boring, smelly geek.

If you follow Your Man's rules, you'll be fine Zack. Just be sure to leave a few ladies for me.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

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By Nancy Salomon

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REVIEW

'Crazy Heart' album throwback to old country music

By Brian Johnson  
Features Editor

As the old-timers would say, country music "ain't what it used to be." It certainly isn't, with acts like Taylor Swift and Rascal Flatts putting out a version of country music with a pop twist to get played on regular radio. The "Crazy Heart" soundtrack is literally a time machine back to when country music was raw and real.

"Crazy Heart" is a film about a former country star, Bad Blake, played by Jeff Bridges, who won an Academy Award for his portrayal, down on his luck and locked in his own prison of booze

and depression while he still tries to stay relevant in the world of country music.

Obviously, for a movie like this, the music is the cornerstone of the film and from the first brooding slow-tempo song "Hold On You," sang by Bridges, the picture of the protagonist's lonely world is painted. Through Bridges' somber vocals, you also get the chance to feel his pain, and how he is road-weary from his wild past.

The album is not without its up-tempo, more energetic songs as well. Songs like "Somebody Else" and "I Don't Know," also sang by Bridges, paint Bad Blake's wild life as still being wild,

but he's having fun with it, and not necessarily thinking about the future.

This is actually a testament to Bad Blake in the film. He will have moments where he is depressed about what his life has become and, that's when you get the slower more melancholy songs, then he has moments where he is having fun and doing things he shouldn't do, knowing he shouldn't be doing them. It's then when the listener gets the songs that are a little more ruthless in the lyrics, and have a more upbeat tone.

The film's music supervisors showed that they knew their classic country music

on this album. It is filled with appearances from legends in the industry such as George Jones and Waylon Jennings, and it provides a good balance of new songs for the film, and old songs by the pioneers of country music.

The most touching song is "The Weary Kind," sang by Ryan Bingham and written by T-Bone Burnett, which won the film another Oscar for Best Original Song, and it sums up Bad Blake's wild life in four minutes. The movie tells a story of someone who goes through a hard lifestyle of drugs, alcohol and partying hard, all the while warning that "this ain't no place for the weary kind."

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The song in many ways is a warning for Bad Blake, that he can't live like that anymore and that he has become one of the weary kind. The track is also filled with great allusions to what can happen when you live like that, such as the body aching, and sweating out alcohol.

This may be one of the most well put together soundtracks for a film that has come out in a long time. Any time you have a film that is based in music, the soundtrack is always going to come under criticism, and this album delivered with each powerful strum on a guitar and each sorrowful lyric.

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NFL Draft: Forget the numbers and resist the hype

By Tony Botts  
Comm. Sports Editor

The NFL Draft is the only thing that can overshadow Opening Day excitement, make us wish basketball season ended two months ago and allow us to forget about the MLS (we do still have professional soccer in the States, right?).

Draft junkies and fantasy football fanatics alike suffer strokes and brain hemorrhages over minute stats ranging from a tight end's YAC (be cautious who you say that to, people have been shot for less) to a measly half inch on a linemen's wingspan.

But may I explain the sad truth? On any given Sunday, that lack of a half inch or that 6.8 YAC your computer spits out at you does not win games for you, on the field or in your fantasy league.

Fans, I understand. Every person hopes and dreams their favorite team selects the next Reggie White or Derrick Thomas. However, there is a reason those players are where they are today. No mathematical equation or measurement told us they were destined for Canton.

Every year, the draft board is filled with a variety of players with a wide range of talent level, experience and physical tools. Which brings up my "Laws of the Draft Board."

There never has and never will be a "Sure Thing." Analysts throw the phrase around to make their picks more appealing, and create excitement for fan bases if their team is projected to select him. Football is a violent sport. It is a sport of collisions, not contact. Calling a first-round pick a "safe pick," is an oxymoron in itself

considering every player is one play away from retirement.

Character issues are overrated. During the '80s and '90s, Jimmie Johnson built a resume by recruiting rough-edged players from the streets of Miami. The 'Canes are notorious for turning out players with lengthy police reports, yet on Sundays, the 'U' alumni take care of business. Ray Lewis was not the most popular guy on Draft day, yet he has assembled one of the most decorated careers of any linebacker who has ever played the game. People make mistakes; football players do, too.

Do not put all your stock in the Combine and Pro Days. Al Davis is guilty of 'drinking the punch' on Draft day, picking workout warriors consistently, but getting no return out of his picks (shocking, I know). Evaluating talent is a long and complicated process. The

time it actually takes to perfect and build up that talent in comparison to the time it takes to display it in a controlled atmosphere is inevitably unfair. The only medium one should assert the effort into during the evaluation period, is good ole' fashion game film. The 'eye in the sky' tells no lie.

Finally, don't hate on the small schools or the underdogs. Some of the games' greatest players, both offensively and defensively, have come from outside of the power-house conferences. Some others have had their names called well after the average fan has turned off the TV sets. Have a little faith in the GMs, trust me, some of them actually know what they are doing.

While college basketball has claimed the month of March, the NFL Draft officially picks up the madness when April rolls around.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

What do you think about Tiger Wood's Masters performance?



"I think overall he played a pretty good tournament. Especially after going through everything that he has this year. I wish he would have won, but I can live with his results."

**Justin Beshore**  
*Undecided*



"I'm sure he hasn't had time to practice for the Masters because of the time constraints with sex therapy. I am not shocked that he lost, I am actually kind of glad."

**Brooke Assel**  
*Journalism*



"Well I feel he struggled because he just got back from his treatment, so this is an expected score to me. He will win the next tournament he is in."

**Taelor Barrett-Jones**  
*Interactive Digital Media*



"From the recent psychological trauma he's been through, some wonder how he lost the Masters, but I believe he will bounce back eventually."

**Godwin Mordi**  
*Applied Health Science*

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

**Brian "The Bulldog's" picks**  
**Prediction record (5-15)**  
**NBA MVP**  
**Anyone But Kobe or LeBron**  
I'm tired of hearing about the Kobe or LeBron debate. I really am not a fan of the NBA at all. It's about as real as Pro Wrestling if you ask me, but I think it's about time for us to hear about someone other than two NBA golden children.

**NBA Champion**  
**The New York Knicks**  
I'm going to stick with the boys from the Big Apple. I know they haven't had the greatest season, but this is the year. It's time that Madison Square Garden returns to glory. They may not be in the playoffs, but they still deserve it.

**Jason's Picks**  
**Prediction record (11-9)**  
**NBA MVP**  
**LeBron James**  
He narrowly escapes his closest competition in Kevin Durant. Durant should get it, but LeBron is having the greatest season across all categories for someone not named Michael Jordan or Oscar Robertson, and his team is better than Durants'.

**NBA Champion**  
**Cleveland Cavaliers**  
This is the year LeBron gets his ring. This is the best team he's had, and he's more determined than ever to get it so he can get out of Cleveland and go to a bigger market during free agency this summer.

**Tony's Picks**  
**Prediction record (8-12)**  
**NBA MVP**  
**Kevin Durant**  
Couldn't agree with you more Kev. Durant was the catalyst for a dormant franchise. He has absolutely torched defenses this year, going off for 25-30 points every time he laces the Nikes up. I have a feeling he and Thunder will make an early exit in the playoffs, but he has done plenty to impress the voters.

**NBA Champion**  
**Los Angeles**  
These guys can be freaky good when everyone is healthy. Kobe, Odom, Fisher, Gasol and Bynum? What else is there to say? That's a scary lineup to face down the playoff stretch. Phil Jackson is a plus, too.

**Kevin's Picks**  
**Prediction record (5-6)**  
**NBA MVP**  
**Kevin Durant**  
I was truly torn between Durant and the King. But Durant has meant more to his team this year, in my opinion. Without Durant leading the Thunder, a.k.a. the "Fighting Durants", there is no way they would have secured a playoff spot. It also doesn't hurt scoring 30 points a game.

**NBA Champion**  
**Cleveland Cavaliers**  
Shaq said it all after the Cavs signed him this summer, "Win a Ring for the King." This is the year that LeBron gets his first Championship. And trust me, it won't be his last.



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SOCCKER

SOPHOMORE FORWARD MAKENZIE O'Donnell fights past a Benton defender to get to the ball in Maryville's 6-2 victory. O'Donnell scored the final goal in the game.



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'Hounds use second half comeback to get win

By Jason Lawrence  
Sports Editor

A slow start couldn't keep the Spoofhounds down in their 6-2 victory over Benton on Tuesday night.

"The team was slow in starting, but once it got going, we played well," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "Overall, I'm very pleased with the outcome."

Benton got two quick goals, and put the 'Hounds into a hole.

Sophomore forward Samantha Keller scored a goal for Maryville in the first half to send the Spoofhounds into halftime trailing by a goal.

"One weakness was that we gave up two goals very early in the game due to our own errors," Oludaja said. "Another weakness was that it took us almost the first half to figure out how to beat our opponents'

offside trap, and get the ball into their net."

The 'Hounds came out firing in the second half, working toward their coach's expectations.

"I told the girls, once we started talking at halftime, that I wanted five goals," Oludaja said. "And they accomplished that."

Oludaja was proud of the conviction the girls showed to come back and win the game.

In the early going of the second half, freshman forward Alyssa Stiens scored the equalizer, and tied the game up at two a piece.

She wasn't done though, as she netted the game winner as well.

The Spoofhound defense held throughout the second half as Benton couldn't add another goal.

Senior midfielder Leah Bost-

wick, junior forward Amy Van de Ven and sophomore forward MaKenzie O'Donnell put the nails in the coffin by adding second half goals of their own.

Maryville travels to Kansas City tonight to take on KC Northeast. The game gets underway at 4 p.m.

"This will be the first time we compete against them," Oludaja said. "So we are unsure what to expect of them. As long as we stick to the fundamentals, we should be able to come home with a victory."

With the season at it's halfway point, Oludaja still has goals for the team to reach this season.

"Our main goal is to win both conference and districts, and go beyond," Oludaja said. "To do so, our immediate goal is to focus on playing a better game each time, and winning each game."

TRACK RESULTS

Boys, girls place first at Maryville Invitational

|                                 |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Boys</b>                     | First: 3:36.26                  | Second: J. Stiens- 14.42        |
| <b>Overall:</b> First 140.5 pts | <b>4x800 relay:</b>             | <b>300-meter hurdles:</b>       |
| <b>400-meter dash:</b>          | Third: 8:59. 47                 | Second: J. Stiens - 46.57       |
| Second: K. Joiner- 52.35        | <b>Shot Put:</b>                | <b>4x100 relay:</b>             |
| <b>800-meter dash:</b>          | Second: C. Thompson- 46' 9"     | First: 52.23                    |
| Second: D. Schulter- 2:10.78    | <b>Girls</b>                    | <b>4x200 relay:</b>             |
| <b>110-meter dash:</b>          | <b>Overall:</b> First 156.5 pts | First: 1:53.92                  |
| Second: J. Zech- 15.54,         | <b>100-meter dash:</b>          | <b>4x400 relay:</b>             |
| Third: B. DeGase- 16.31         | Second: T. Gadbois- 12.25       | First: 4:18.35                  |
| <b>4x100 relay:</b>             | <b>200-meter dash:</b>          | <b>High Jump:</b>               |
| Second: 46.00                   | First: T. Gadbois- 26.44        | Second: M. Scott- 4' 10"        |
| <b>4x200 relay:</b>             | <b>400-meter dash:</b>          | <b>Long Jump:</b>               |
| Second: 1:35.52                 | Third: T. Gadbois- 1:03.15      | First: J. Stiens- 16' 11.25"    |
| <b>4x400 relay:</b>             | <b>100-meter hurdles:</b>       | <b>Shot Put:</b>                |
|                                 |                                 | Second: B. Scarbrough- 34' 1.5" |




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SENIOR JORDAN STIENS leaps over a hurdle in Tuesday's track meet. Stiens finished second in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kreed Kurtz




Senior catcher Kreed Kurtz went 3-for-3 with two runs batted in during the 3-2 game two win over Truman State on Tuesday. Kurtz hit a solo home run in the third inning and had two doubles, including one that tied the game in the ninth inning.

Emily Churchman




Senior heptathlete Emily Churchman won two events at the Nebraska Invitational last weekend. She was the only Bearcat to win an event at the meet. She won the long and high jumps, preliminary qualifying for the national meet in both events.

Anthony Groumoutis



Senior Anthony Groumoutis led the Spoofhounds tennis team to victory over Shenandoah Tuesday afternoon. Groumoutis won in No. 1 singles, 9-7. He then teamed up with his brother in No. 1 doubles to grab another win. The match win moves the 'Hounds to 5-1 on the season.

Amy Van de Ven



Junior forward Amy Van de Ven helped lead the Spoofhounds to a 6-2 win over Benton at Maryville Middle School. The 'Hounds trailed 1-2 at halftime, but made the comeback in the second half. Van de Ven scored the fifth goal in the game to put it out of reach.

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BASEBALL



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SENIOR FIRST BASEMAN Jon Henne hits a single in the bottom of the fourth inning Tuesday. Henne scored on an RBI double by Trevor Conner later in the inning.

'Cats pick up conference wins

By Jason Lawrence  
Sports Editor

The later innings were the ones that mattered most for the Bearcats on Tuesday afternoon as they battled the Truman State Bulldogs at Bearcat Field.

Northwest swept Truman 2-0 to improve their record to 13-26 overall and 11-15 in conference play.

"They're all big right now," head coach Darin Loe said. "We dug ourselves into a hole early, and every single win is big."

In the first game of the double header, neither team got anything going until midway through the game.

In the bottom of the third, Northwest scored the first run of the game. Freshman outfielder Joe Kankovsky drew a walk with two outs and stole second. Then, senior outfielder Matt Stice drove him in with a single up the middle.

The 'Cats added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to increase their lead to 3-0.

Junior outfielder Trevor Conner and senior outfielder Luke Lavicky drove in the runs with a double and a ground out, respectively.

"I think anytime you get to the second and third time through the order, I think our guys are making good adjustments at the plate," Loe said. "Fortunately, our guys were

able to square up some balls."

The Bulldogs got their first hit of the day in the fifth inning, but couldn't capitalize.

"Jayson Huett has been our top guy all year," Loe said. "We use him as a starter and as a reliever; he's so valuable. We have confidence when Jayson is on the mound, as well as other guys, but he's been doing a great job, and we played great defense behind him."

Kankovsky scored the Bearcats' final run in the bottom of the fifth on a throwing error by Truman's pitcher.

Truman finally broke into the score column in the top of the seventh, picking up two runs, but it proved to be too little, too late as the 'Cats got out of the inning to end the game.

Game two was much the opposite. Truman got six hits in the first three innings, but couldn't get a run across the plate.

In the bottom of the third, senior catcher Creed Kurtz hit a solo home run, his third of the season, to put the Bearcats on top.

"He's really swinging the bat well as of late," Loe said. "He obviously carried us. The rest of us didn't hit as well as we need to down the stretch."

Truman answered with runs in the top of the fourth and sixth innings, and carried the 2-1 lead into the bottom of

the ninth, after junior pitcher Chris Green robbed the Bulldogs with a diving catch and force out to end the top of the ninth.

In the home half, Northwest put on their rally caps, getting two runners on base before Kurtz struck again, this time with an RBI double to tie the game up.

Northwest loaded the bases up with one out, but had to wait until there were two outs to get the winning run.

Senior second baseman Nick Pfeiffer plated the winning run by drawing a walk to close the game out.

"The hit by Creed was a big one, the softest ball he hit all day," Loe said. "Fortunately it found a hole for us. Conner had a one-out single to get us to that point. They made a few mistakes, but the two hits were big to get us to that point."

Northwest heads off to Pittsburg, Kan., this weekend to take on the Gorillas. Games start at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

"We expect to go down there and win four games," Loe said. "It's a team that is ahead of us in the standings. If we get some wins, we can make some progress on them. I don't think any game is more important than any other one. You just go out and play the game, play the game hard and see what happens."

TENNIS

Bearcats add to winning streaks

By Austin Wear  
Missourian Reporter

Both the men's and women's tennis teams are on winning streaks. The men have won four straight while the women have won six straight. Head coach Mark Rosewell is pleased with his teams.

"Well obviously we've got good players," Rosewell said. "They work hard and we have set good goals"

The Northwest men's and women's tennis teams had a very successful weekend.

Both teams went undefeated. The men went 4-0 while the women went 3-0.

Last Thursday, the men defeated Washburn by a score of 5-4. The Bearcats won four out of the six singles matches with Felipe Gennari, who was named MIAA player of the week, getting the match-clinching victory.

On Saturday, the men beat Emporia State 8-1. The Bearcats won all of the singles matches with the only loss coming in doubles competition.

The following day included a 9-0 win against Baker for the men. Gennari, Calvin Patterson and Raphael Oliveira did not lose a single game in their singles match.

The men traveled to Iowa on Monday to face-off against Grace-land. Northwest won the match 7-2

thanks to some singles play. Four of the five singles matches that were won by the Bearcats were done so in straight sets.

The Northwest women's team did just as well over the weekend.

The women started on Saturday against Lincoln with a convincing 9-0 victory. In singles play, the Bearcats won every set.

On Saturday, the women's team played Emporia State and won 6-3. The team won four out of the five singles matches, and took one of the doubles matches to win the duel.

Then on Monday, the Bearcat women picked up where their weekend left off with another 6-3 victory. This time, the win was against Washburn. With this victory, the women's team stands alone as the only undefeated team in conference, at 4-0.

With the recent success, Rosewell has had plenty of help from assistant coaches Daniel Usieto and Peter Hantack. Rosewell believes his team can achieve a lot more.

"We want to advance on to the NCAA regionals," Rosewell said. "We just want to make sure both teams make it on through the postseason."

The men's and women's teams put their streaks on the line yesterday in Kansas City, Mo., against Rockhurst. Results were not available as of press time.

FOOTBALL SPRING GAME



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RS-FR. RICKY HICKS runs through a tackle in the annual spring game on Sunday. Hicks scored a touchdown for the Green team in the 21-21 tie.

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NW SOFTBALL

'Cats glad to be back home after road trip

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

After going 3-7 during a stretch of road games lasting from April 2 through Tuesday night, the softball team is happy to come home today.

The Bearcats (17-16, 3-7) MIAA will play host to the MIAA North Crossover Tournament. The tournament will bring Southwest Baptist, Missouri Southern, Central Missouri, Pittsburg State and Emporia State to Maryville for the four-day tournament.

"The best part is just being home," head coach Ryan Anderson said. "We've been on the road constantly, and after so much time it really starts to wear on you."

The 'Cats will enter the tournament after going 1-4 in a pair of double headers against Fort Hays State and Nebraska-Omaha.

In the opening games against Fort Hays, the 'Cats suffered a 14-0 loss at the hand's of the Tigers.

Fort Hays' pitcher Kayla Rupa held Northwest to only one hit, in the first time the 'Cats had been held scoreless for 51 games.

Junior Dacey Hassey's single in the second and a walk issued to freshman Nikki Povero in the third were Rupa's only mistakes.

The 'Cats put the 14 run loss behind them and bounced back for a 6-4 victory in the second game of the double header.

"We just came out and made early mistakes in game one, and they took advantage of it with hits," Anderson said. "In the second game we started out a lot stronger, but we just took ourselves out of the first game."

After tallying 15 hits in game one, sophomore pitcher Nicole Ackelson held the Tigers hitless in the first five innings of game two.

The Tigers cut the lead to 6-3 in the sixth before freshman Jenna Creger came in to replace Ackelson and record her first career save.

The 'Cats then traveled to Omaha, Neb., where they dropped both games of a double header to the Mavericks. They lost the games 2-0 and 5-3.

Northwest had chances late in both games against the Mavericks. The 'Cats had the tying run on base in both contests.

Maverick's pitcher Beth Haley stopped the 'Cats' chance at a comeback both times.

A seventh inning walk and a hit batter were the only things to keep Haley from a perfect game in the first game.

Haley returned in game two with the bases loaded in the seventh inning to strike out junior Kit Daugherty and record the save for the Mavericks.

"I was telling the girls every year whatever level you're at you will come across hitting slumps," Anderson said. "I told them we need to just play tough defense and try to scratch out some runs. The pitchers are throwing well right now and we need to respond on defense. We're in a hitting slump right now, but I know that will come around in time."

The 'Cats will return to action today to open the MIAA North Crossover Tournament at 4 p.m. against Southwest Baptist at Bearcat Field.

"It's huge for us," Anderson said. "It's just nice to be home without hotels and traveling. Besides that these are just important games for us. We need to swing the bats well and keep fighting."

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EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS



Senior multi-event athlete leaves mark on program

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For one Northwest women's track athlete, multi-tasking is definitely not an issue.

Senior heptathlon athlete Emily Churchman combines a series of talents and events to create results unrivaled at Northwest.

Churchman has accumulated 10 Top-Ten finishes in Bearcat history, including her pentathlon and heptathlon school records set this spring. She broke the heptathlon record of her former high school teammate, Brandi Honeywell, just two weeks after capturing Indoor All-American honors. Her pentathlon record broke teammate Lindsay Biermann's mark just two weeks after she captured the record herself.

However, while growing up, Churchman was a multi-event athlete for a different sport; gymnastics. She found herself competing in many events from the balance beam, to floor routines and in her favorite event, the vault. The difference in sports however, posed few obstacles on her way to a successful career.

"The training is kind of the same concept," Churchman said. "Especially being a multi (event athlete). We're out here a long time and we have different practices throughout

the day, so it's a lot of training compared to if I just ran. Gymnastics is the same way; practices were long and it's kind of the same intensity level. You have to give it your all every time you train, or otherwise you are not going see the differences when you perform on competition day."

As she entered the program at Northwest, head coach Scott Lorek immediately thought Churchman would be an ideal heptathlon competitor. He said her drive, work ethic and competitive nature allowed her to standout in multiple events.

"As a good heptathlete, that's (success) something you would expect," Lorek said. "Someone who is going to be an All-American level. The heptathlon is not just about someone who does several events; you have to do them well."

Many events came easier to Churchman than others, like her favorite field event, the long jump, due to the similarity to the gymnastics' vault. However, she admitted she struggled with a group of events.

"Growing up, I just did gymnastics, so I was never in sports where I had to throw things," Churchman said. "So, when I came to college, that was the first time I had ever seen the javelin or thrown a shot-put. It's just

kind of an unnatural motion for me, so I have had to work pretty hard in those. But I think this year there should be some improvements, PRs in those. Hopefully it works out that way."

Injuries as a junior however, posed as a major setback and frustration for the All-American. Suffering from back troubles, Churchman accepted a medical-red shirt.

"Confidence wise, it was kind of rough just because you have to sit out a year and you have to watch everyone compete and perform so well and get better," Churchman said. "We have a couple really good multi's here. Just seeing them excel really made me want to be out there with them. Getting back into it, I realized I was stronger than I had been in the past, kind of boosted my confidence and it ended up working out really well."

Well, might just have been an understatement. She went on to claim All-American statuses in both of the next two seasons during Indoor seasons.

Churchman plans to move on as a Graduate Assistant once her decorated career comes to an end. But before then, she still has plans for the remainder of this season including setting her eyes on claiming her third All-American honor.